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SUBJ: GLISTRUP CASE APPEALED - TWICE

REF: COPENHAGEN 1254

1. DANISH RADIO REPORTED FEB 28 THAT MOGENS GLISTRUP HAS APPEALED HIS CONVICTION FOR TAX EVASION TO THE INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE COURT. GLISTRUP'S APPEAL, ON GROUNDS THAT HE WAS UNJUSTLY CONVICTED, SEEKS COMPLETE EXONERATION OF THE CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST HIM. THE APPEAL WAS MORE A POLITICAL THAN A LEGAL MOVE BECAUSE THE CASE HAD ALREADY BEEN APPEALED BY THE PROSECUTION ON GROUNDS THAT THE SENTENCE GIVEN GLISTRUP WAS TOO LIGHT.

2. THE PROSECUTION IN ITS APPEAL OF FEB 24 ASKED FOR A PRISON SENTENCE AND DISBARMENT OF LAWYER GLISTRUP AS WELL AS A HEAVY FINE. THE PROSECUTION ASSERTED THAT A LIGHT SENTENCE SUCH AS GLISTRUP RECEIVED (SEE REFTL) WOULD BE A BAD PRECEDENT AND, IF
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ALLOWED TO STAND, WOULD MAKE ENFORCEMENT OF DANISH TAX LAWS MORE DIFFICULT.

3. AS A SEQUEL TO GLISTRUP'S APPEAL, HTE FOLKETING HAS DECIDED IT WILL NOT NOW CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF GLISTRUP'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION ON THE FOLKETING. THE DECISION ON THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN PUT OFF UNTIL THE INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE

COURT RENDERS ITS DECISION, AT LEAST A YEAR FROM NOW AND PROBABLY
EVEN LATER. THIS MEANS THAT GLISTRUP WILL REMAIN AN IMPORTANT
FIGURE ON THE DANISH POLITICAL SCENE FOR SOME TIME TO COME.
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